

April 12, 2016

Clerk of Court
United States District Court
Thomas Eagleton United States Courthouse
111 South 10th Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
Re: United States v. City of Ferguson, Case No. 4:16CV180 CDP

Although, I am not a resident of Ferguson, I have many friends in Ferguson and spend a substantial amount of time in Ferguson. Since August 2014 I have been actively involved in Ferguson at many meetings trying to facilitate the community healing and moving forward. I have observed an extreme bias on behalf of the Department of Justice and a total lack of willingness and concern for the residents of Ferguson. Specifically I have witnessed:

- 1) Protesters, who aren't residents or have a vested interest in Ferguson, who have a direct line, including phone numbers of DOJ representatives laughing and joking about how they are "controlling" the City, by just calling the DOJ every time they are unhappy about something.
- 2) The DOJ has completely and totally empowered these protesters by not holding them accountable for their actions, which has directly resulted in the neutering of the police department and a significant rise in crime.
- 3) There has been a total lack of transparency by the DOJ to respond to questions and FOIA requests about what seem to be anecdotal information and claims which cannot be checked or verified.
- 4) I have personally stood in numerous City Council meetings, where DOJ representatives have been present and they have not done anything to endure that order and a professional decorum has been maintained. In fact they stood by and watched as these so called activists and protesters trampled on the civil rights of community members.
- 5) Many of these community members have been threatened, intimidated and even physically attacked and assaulted to the point that they are afraid to attend meetings any more.
- 6) These activists and protesters have repeatedly been loud and obnoxious with their cell phones out right up in peoples faces trying to intimidate them into doing something, they are nothing short of terrorists. They then use social media to only show a snippet, that fits their agenda, of someone getting upset and deem it as violence or racism toward them. They use this to whip up others and even cause more problems based on half truths and lies at best.
- 7) I have personally witnessed these activists and protesters screaming racial remarks at white persons and made wild unfounded accusations in an effort to move their twisted sense of justice forward.
- 8) At several of the Community Policing Steering Committee Meetings, the activists and protesters have completely stalled these meetings with their anti-police rhetoric and yet when they are given the opportunity to speak they do not offer any thoughtful solutions, they only want to yell and complain and be part of the problem and not the solution.

I respectfully request that the court to consider, as part of the fairness hearings, requiring the Department of Justice to comply with the transparency they are demanding of the City of Ferguson and reveal:

- 1) Their methodology and documentation including their statistics, used in their determination of their so called Pattern and Practice of Racism.
- 2) Their methodology and all documentation gathered from police reports, anecdotes, etc. and the extent to which they were validated or unconfirmed claims. For police reports this must include providing an identifying report number, if not the actual report itself.

I further respectfully request the court allow additional submissions of statements such as it is doing now and in the fairness hearing as well as in the future as we move forward. Additionally it is imperative that the court ensures that activist and protesters are not allowed to obstruct progress in areas that the residents agree is in the best interest of the community, which is presently occurring in the Community Policing Program.

The residents deserve respect from the DOJ, and the same commitment and willingness, as was afforded the activists and protesters, to allow them as residents and vested community members to provide input, to ask questions and not be summarily dismissed. Throughout this entire process so far the DOJ has not met with the citizens of the City of Ferguson and allowed them to speak without fear of reprisal, they have systematically dismissed the citizens and blatantly favoring those who solely wish to criticize the city and its police. I do not believe this will occur without assistance from the court.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Lynett